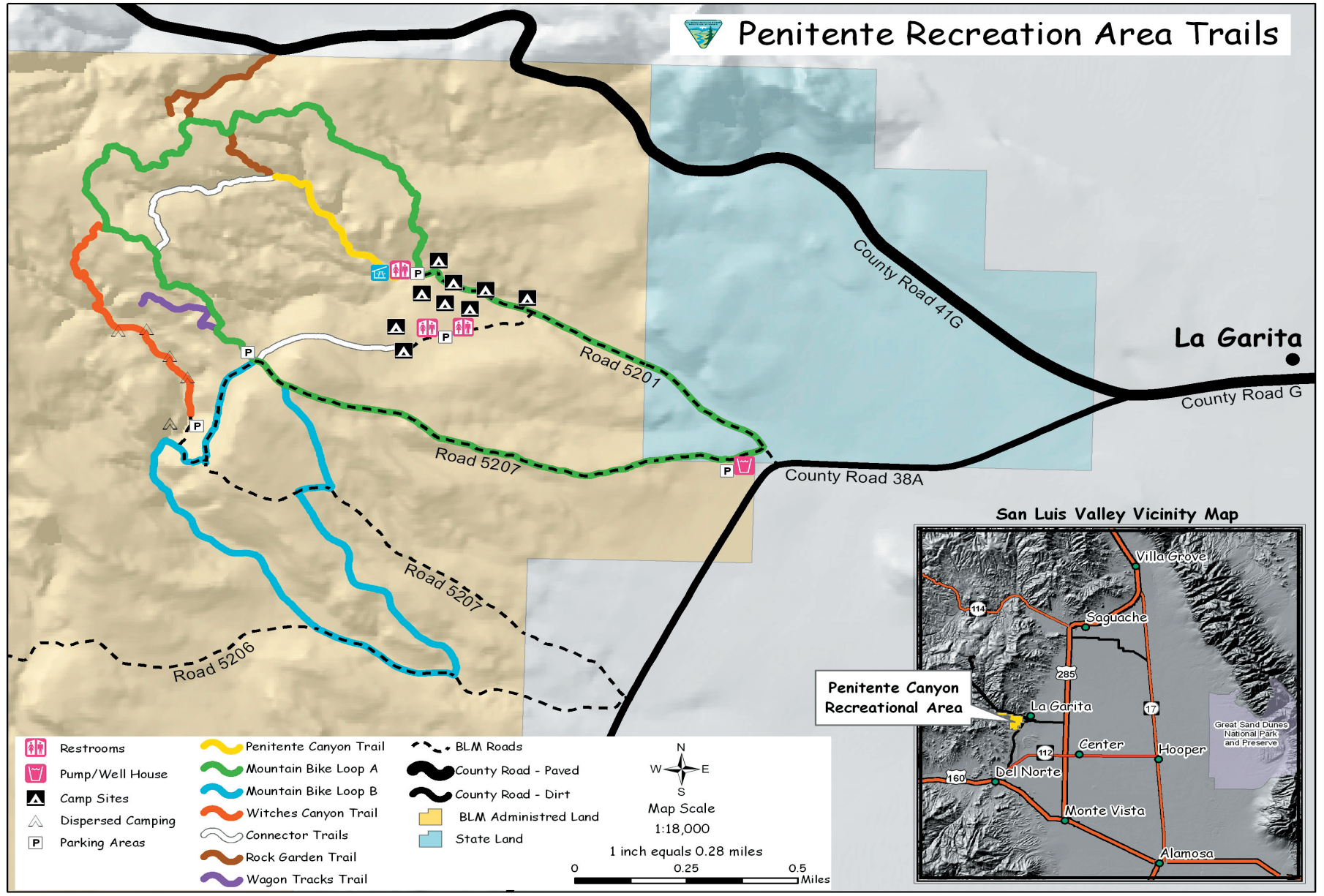




## Penitente Recreation Area Trails



## **DIRECTIONS:**

From La Garita (County Road G) follow County Road 38A until you see the Penitente turn off.

## **FACILITIES:**

### ***Penitente Canyon***

-11 walk-in Tent sites- \$11.00/night ( 2 tent limit)

-4 Drive-in Tent/Camper sites - \$11.00/night (2 tent/1 camper limit)

-2 Group Sites - \$20.00/night (5 tent limit)

-3 Toilets (vault type)

-Drinking water (approx May 1 - Oct 1)

### ***Witches Canyon***

-8 Walk-in tent sites

-No camping allowed 1/2 mile beyond trailhead

-No restroom/no trash collection - pack it in, pack it out

### ***Rock Garden Area***

-No camping allowed

-No restroom/ no trash collection- pack it in, pack it out

## **SETTING AND ATTRACTIONS:**

Penitente Canyon Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) is an Internationally recognized climbing area, offering more than 300 incredible sport climbing routes. South-facing routes can be climbed year-round within the SRMA. Numerous Trails are also available for your enjoyment within Penitente Canyon SRMA (see Map).

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**-No New Bolting!**

**-No firewood cutting or gathering.**

**-Checkout time is 12:00 noon.**

**-Horses are not allowed inside the campground.**

**-No shooting in the campground, including the area surrounding the pump house.**

**-Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times.**

Watch your step!

I live here too.



## **CLIMBING ETHICS:**

While most climbers are committed to “minimal impact” practices, over time, climbing and other recreational activities have begun to make an impact on public land resources. It is up to each individual who uses the public lands to accept responsibility for themselves and for the care of this fragile environment. All climbers should support a “leave no trace” outdoor ethic when visiting.

## **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

- Climb in small numbers. Disperse your activities.
- Use established trails to reach climbing areas. Short cuts cause plant damage and erosion.
- Minimize chalk use and brush off heavily chalked holds. If you must use chalk, please use pigmented chalks that blend in with the natural colors of the rock.
- Pack out what you bring in. Do not leave tape, cigarette butts, food wraps and leftovers, or other litter. Leave the area cleaner than you found it.
- Treat the rock gently. Do not chip, chisel, glue, graffiti (tag), or otherwise deface rock resources. Leave the rock and surrounding area in its natural condition. **ABSOLUTELY NO NEW BOLTING** is permitted anywhere on public lands in the San Luis Valley.
- Keep your distance from wildlife. Rattlesnakes are common in Penitente canyon. Avoid disturbing cliff nesting birds. Penitente canyon is also home to black bears.

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# **PENITENTE CANYON SRMA**



## **ROCK CLIMBING AND VISITOR INFORMATION**